

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method comprising:

2 storing a plurality of content categories; and

3 identifying, according to properties returned by a plurality of search engines, at least one

4 search engine suited to service a query having at least one content category of the

5 plurality of content categories.

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1 2. The method of claim 1 in which identifying the at least one search engine further  
2 comprises:

3 identifying at least one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the  
4 query.

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1 3. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

2 analyzing the content of a query to determine the at least one content category of the  
3 query; and

4 identifying at least one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the  
5 query according to the content category.

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1 4. The method of claim 2 in which identifying at least one domain of the at least one  
2 search engine suited to service the query further comprises:

3 identifying the at least one domain according to a scope of the query.

5. The method of claim 1 in which at least one content category of the plurality of content categories further comprises:  
child categories.

6. An article comprising:

a machine-readable medium comprising instructions which, when executed by a processor, result in:

storing a plurality of content categories; and

identifying, according to properties returned by a plurality of search engines, at least one search engine suited to service a query having at least one content category of the plurality of content categories.

7. The article of claim 6 in which execution of the instructions to identify the at least one search engine further results in:

identifying at least one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the query.

8. The article of claim 6, further comprising instructions which, when executed by the processor, result in:

analyzing the content of a query to determine the at least one content category of the query; and

identifying at least one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the query according to the content category.

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1 9. The article of claim 7 in which execution of the instructions to identify the at least  
2 one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the query further results  
3 in:  
4 identifying the at least one domain according to a scope of the query.

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1 10. The article of claim 6 in which at least one content category of the plurality of content  
2 categories further comprises:  
3 child categories.

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1 11. A system comprising:  
2 a processor; and  
3 a machine-readable medium comprising instructions which, when executed by the  
4 processor, result in:  
5 storing a plurality of content categories; and  
6 identifying, according to properties returned by a plurality of search engines, at least one  
7 search engine suited to service a query having at least one content category of the  
8 plurality of content categories.

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1 12. The system of claim 11 in which execution of the instructions to identify the at least  
2 one search engine further results in:  
3 identifying at least one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the  
4 query.

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1 13. The system of claim 11, further comprising instructions which, when executed by the  
2 processor, result in:  
3 analyzing the content of a query to determine the at least one content category of the  
4 query; and  
5 identifying at least one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the  
6 query according to the content category.

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1 14. The system of claim 12 in which execution of the instructions to identify the at least  
2 one domain of the at least one search engine suited to service the query further results  
3 in:  
4 identifying the at least one domain according to a scope of the query.

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15. The system of claim 11 in which at least one content category of the plurality of  
content categories further comprises:  
child categories.